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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Wendella, Chicago's original narrated boat tour company, is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Wendella is locally owned and operated by the Borgstrom family; now in its 4th generation, there are 10 family members actively involved in the company's day-to-day operations; the company also supports 150 employees and their families; and

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WHEREAS, Wendella has played an integral role in building Illinois' world-class tourism industry, having showcased Chicago to more than 20 million people from around the world since 1935; and

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WHEREAS, Wendella has provided water transportation services in Chicago for 70 years, starting in 1940; Wendella has transported sailors from the old Chicago and Northwestern railroad station to Michigan Avenue and currently by operating the Chicago Water Taxi Service; and

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WHEREAS, Wendella is a leader in the passenger vessel industry and has developed and implemented new environmentally-friendly practices and procedures through its partnership with the Passenger Vessel Association's Green

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1 Waters program and the Friends of the Chicago River Water
2 Monitoring courses; and

3 WHEREAS, Wendella established the industry's first
4 in-house education department, which provides in-depth
5 training for all of the company's tour guides; the education
6 department ensures that up-to-date and accurate information is
7 disseminated to tens of thousands of children and school groups
8 taking part in outreach programs and tours; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the owners and employees of Wendella Boats in
12 Chicago on the occasion of the company's 75th anniversary and
13 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be given
16 to Wendella Boats and the Borgstrom family as a symbol of our
17 esteem and respect.